

2012 Barbera di Niccolo Bedrock Vineyard, Sonoma Valley

Vineyards: Appellation: Sonoma Valley Grower: Sunbreak Vineyard Services Vineyard: Bedrock Vineyard

Harvest: Date: 10/10/2012

Brix: 28.0

The Wine: 100% Barbera Alcohol: 15.5 pH: 3.47 Total Acidity: 9.9 g/L Maceration Time: 16 days Cooperage: 15% new American oak, Radoux, Pennsylvania Production: 175 Cases

This wine is a delightful display of the characteristics of an Italian grape paired with Sonoma County terroir. We chose this Barbera from historic Bedrock vineyard near Glen Ellen. The good heat and rocky soils of Sonoma Valley mimic the conditions around Alba in the Piedmont region of Italy, where Barbera originates. This young wine is a deep, immature purple-pink color. After 3 months of barrel aging, aromas of blueberry, bubble gum, barnyard, vanilla and fresh hay have developed. On the palate, a powerful, lemony acidity overtakes and coats the mouth. The wine finishes with sour berries and lemon rind. After another 12 months in the barrel, the aromas and flavors of this wine will meld together more and some of the more harsh characteristics will soften. This Barbera should be in its prime around 2 to 3 years after bottling.

